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For: **IMPROVED OPTICAL FIBER**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2004 in the above-identified patent application, the time for response to which is October 20, 2004.

Accordingly, this Response is timely submitted.

### **Election in Response to Restriction Requirement**

The Examiner issued an Election/Restriction Requirement in the outstanding Office Action. The Applicants elect, with traverse, the Group I claims (Claims 1-32 and 46-49). Applicants respectfully submit that it is not unduly burdensome to the USPTO to search and prosecute all of the claims in a single case.

### **CONCLUSION**

This Response attends to all issues raised in the outstanding Office Action. No fees are understood to be due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if a fee is determined to be due, authorization is hereby granted to charge Nufern Deposit Order Account No. 50 -2343.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if any issues are deemed to remain unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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